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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended): A mailbox support structure device comprising:
a telescoping vertical post member having an inner part slidably engaged with an outer part, said telescoping vertical post member having a plurality of holes traversing entirely through said inner part and having at least one hole traversing entirely through said outer part of said telescoping vertical post member;
a telescoping horizontal post member attached to said telescoping vertical post member, said telescoping horizontal post member having an inner piece slidably engaged with an outer piece, said telescoping horizontal post member having a plurality of orifices traversing entirely through said inner piece and having at least one orifice traversing entirely through said outer piece of said telescoping horizontal post member; and
a pair of locking pins, one of said locking pins slidably engaged with said hole of said outer part of said telescoping vertical post member and slidably engaged with anyone hole of said plurality of holes in said inner part of said telescoping vertical post member, another of said locking pins slidably engaged with said orifice of said outer piece of said telescoping horizontal post member and slidably engaged with anyone orifice of said plurality of orifices of said inner piece of said telescoping horizontal post member, wherein each locking pin having an aperture traversing through each locking pin; and a pair of padlocks, each padlock attached to said aperture of each locking pin.
2. (canceled)
3. (original): The device of Claim 1 further comprising a pair of spacer washers attached to said telescoping horizontal post member.
4. (original): The device of Claim 1 further comprising a letterbox attached to said telescoping horizontal post member.
5. (original): The device of Claim 4 further comprising a pair of screws attached to said telescoping horizontal post member and attached to said letterbox.

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6. (original): The device of Claim 1 wherein said telescoping horizontal post member and said telescoping vertical post member are made of plastic.
7. (previously presented): The device of Claim 6 wherein said plastic is selected from the group consisting of rubber, neoprene, nylon, polyvinyl chloride, polyester, polyethylene, polypropylene, polyurethanes, polyacryls, polymethacryls, cellulosic polymers, styrene-acryl copolymers, polystyrene-polyacryl mixtures, polysiloxanes, urethane-acryl copolymers, siloxane-urethane copolymers, polyurethane-polymethacryl mixtures, silicone-acryl copolymers, vinyl acetate polymers, and mixtures thereof.
8. (original): The device of Claim 1 wherein said telescoping horizontal post member and said telescoping vertical post member are made of metal.
9. (original): The device of Claim 8 wherein said metal is selected from the group consisting of steel, aluminum, brass, bronze, nickel, iron, manganese, titanium, tungsten, and copper.
10. (original): The device of Claim 1 wherein said telescoping horizontal post member and said telescoping vertical post member are made of wood.
11. (original): The device of Claim 10 wherein said wood is selected from the group consisting of maple, oak, ironwood, elm, ash, cedar, fir, pine, poplar, ebony, ash, and hemlock.
12. (original): The device of Claim 1 wherein said telescoping vertical post member can extend in length from about four feet to about six feet.
13. (original): The device of Claim 1 wherein said telescoping horizontal post member can extend in length from about two feet to about four feet.
14. (original): A kit for a mailbox support structure device, said kit comprising:
a telescoping vertical post member having an inner part slidably engaged with an outer part;
a telescoping horizontal post member attachable to said telescoping vertical post member, said telescoping horizontal post member having an inner piece slidably engaged with an outer piece;
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a pair of locking pins, each locking pin having an aperture traversing through each locking pin; and
a pair of padlocks, each padlock attached to said aperture of each locking pin.
15. (canceled)
16. (original): The kit of Claim 14 further comprising a pair of spacer washers attachable to said telescoping horizontal post member.

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17. (original): The kit of Claim 14 further comprising a letterbox attachable to said telescoping horizontal post member.

18. (original): The kit of Claim 14 further comprising a pair of screws attached to said telescoping horizontal post member and attached to said letterbox.

19. (withdrawn) A method of using a kit for a mailbox support structure device, the method comprising the steps of:

obtaining a kit comprising

- a telescoping vertical post member having an inner part slidably engaged with an outer part;

- a telescoping horizontal post member attachable to the telescoping vertical post member, the telescoping horizontal post member having an inner piece slidably engaged with an outer piece;

- a pair of locking pins, each locking pin having an aperture traversing through each locking pin;

- a pair of locks, each lock is attachable to said aperture of each locking pin;

- a pair of spacer washers attachable to the telescoping horizontal post member;

- a letterbox attachable to the telescoping horizontal post member; and

- a pair of screws attached to the telescoping horizontal post member and attached to the letterbox;

drilling a plurality of holes entirely through the inner part of the telescoping vertical post member;

cutting at least one hole entirely through the outer part of the telescoping vertical post member;

boring a plurality of orifices entirely through the inner piece of the telescoping horizontal post member;

piercing at least one orifice entirely through the outer piece of the telescoping horizontal post member;

digging a trench;

placing one end of the telescoping vertical post member into the trench;

pouring concrete into the hole when the one end of the telescoping vertical post member is placed into the trench;

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affixing the telescoping horizontal post member to the telescoping vertical post member;
adjoining the pair of spacer washers to the telescoping horizontal post member;
screwing the pair of screws through the letterbox and through the pair of spacer washers
and into the horizontal post member;
enlarging slidably the telescoping vertical post member to a desired height;
expanding slidably the telescoping horizontal post member to a desired length;
slipping slidably one of the locking pins into the pierced orifice of the outer piece of the
telescoping horizontal post member and into anyone orifice of the orifices bored entirely
through the inner piece of the telescoping horizontal post member;
inserting slidably another of the locking pins into the cut hole of the outer part of the
telescoping vertical post member and into anyone hole of the plurality of holes drilled
entirely through the inner part of the telescoping vertical post member; and
locking each lock to the aperture of each locking pin.

20. (withdrawn) The method of Claim 19 further comprising the steps of:
unlocking each locked lock from the aperture each locking pin;
withdrawing slidably one of the locking pins from the orifice of the outer piece of the
telescoping horizontal post member and from anyone orifice of the orifices bored entirely
through the inner piece of the telescoping horizontal post member;
aligning slidably the telescoping horizontal post member to a new desired length;
disengaging slidably another of the locking pins from the hole of the outer part of the
telescoping vertical post member and from anyone hole of the plurality of holes drilled
entirely through the inner part of the telescoping vertical post member;
adjusting slidably the telescoping vertical post member to a new desired height;
putting an envelope in the letterbox; and
weatherproofing the device by coating the device with paint.